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FM AMEMBASSY KABUL

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INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA

AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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FROM DCM

E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: SNAR, OTRA

SUBJECT: TRAVEL: STANLEY SCHIFF, DIRECTOR, REGIONAL AFFAIRS, NEA

REF: STATE 048406

1. WE THOROUGHLY APPRECIATE YOUR SCHEDULING PROBLEMS, SINCE WE MUST CONSTANTLY STRUGGLE HERE NOT ONLY WITH POPPIES BUT ALSO WITH AIRLINE SCHEDULES WHICH REGRETTABLY REFLECT THE BACKWARD STATE OF THIS COUNTRY. WERE IT POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO LEAVE FOR TEHRAN ON MONDAY MORNING, I BELIEVE YOU WOULD FIND THE EXTRA TIME HERE WELL SPENT. IF NOT, THE SATURDAY FLIGHT SEEMS THE ONLY ONE FEASIBLE DEPARTURE FOR YOU.

2. HOPE YOU MAY FIND IT POSSIBLE ALTER SCHEDULE AS DESCRIBED IN PARA TWO OF REFTEL. IF HOWEVER, THAT CANNOT BE DONE, WE WILL WELCOME YOU ON THURSDAY 29 TH AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED. FRIDAY HOLIDAY WILL CERTAINLY NOT PRECLUDE INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH MEMBERS OF MISSION NARCOTICS COMMITTEE, ALTHOUGH AMBASSADOR'S PARTICIPATION LIKELY TO BE MORE LIMITED BY THIS TIMING.

3. LET US KNOW HOW THE CENTO SCHEDULE LOOKS AFTER YOU GET TO ISLAMABAD.

4. OUR DEDICATION TO ECUMENISM IS ALSO FERVENT, BUT DIFFICULT

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TO PURSUE IN A COUNTRY WHERE RELIGIOUS CONVERSION IS STILL
TECHNICALLY PUNISHABLE BY DEATH. DECON MARCH 31, 1974.
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